

Consultation on setting New Zealand's post-2020 climate change target



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Objectives for the contribution

Do you agree with these objectives for our contribution? Yes

1b. What is most important to you?

Biodiversity. Save and restore New Zealand's flora and fauna. A connection and appreciation of New Zealand's unique and endemic plants and animals is part of the fabric of a healthy society.

Transport; Effective public transport in and between towns and cities including rail, cycle, road, pedestrian options. Research on associated clean technologies.

Power; Clean power generation using wind, solar, hydro. Research on efficient, cost effective clean technologies for power generation and power saving for and from individual homes to the grid.

Water; Clean up our waterways. Those responsible for pollution must be made accountable. No activity should be allowed to compromise water quality.

Housing; Good urban planning to encourage use of clean technologies, effective transport and infrastructure well integrated with the natural environment to foster a sense of belonging and COMMUNITY.

What would be a fair contribution for New Zealand?

2. What do you think the nature of New Zealand's emissions and economy means for the level of target that we set?

Globally and as a country all resources are limited.

New Zealand is a small country with a good name. This is in danger of being damaged as the environment is compromised and we are trying to be big players relying on mass production. E.G the dairy industry.

As a small country we can cater better for niche markets where value and quality rather than quantity is important. This would encourage better use of natural resources and work within and enhance our natural resources.

Working smarter, working with nature, not against it, working with our natural capital, working simpler, responsibly, using clean technologies will result in a reduction of emissions and set an example to others of how it can be done. Our current emissions targets are pathetic. We are smart and can do better.

How will our contribution affect New Zealanders?

3. What level of cost is appropriate for New Zealand to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions? For example, what would be a reasonable reduction in annual household consumption?

We have a housing crisis. Now is the time to plan cohesive communities, design infrastructure well, use current new technologies, explore new technologies.

Building well insulated dwellings to face the sun, use solar power, collect water, use sustainable materials and technologies will reduce annual consumption. Helping those with old inefficient stock to upgrade. Houses need a warrant of fitness so the most vulnerable are protected. A reasonable reduction in annual consumption should be measured by how fit the house is for purpose, and how efficient the appliances are.

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4. Of the opportunities for New Zealand to reduce its emissions (as outlined on page 15 of the discussion document), which do you think are the most likely to occur, or be most important for New Zealand? Most important; Not to align globally but to lead the way. We have intelligent people in New Zealand. We need to harness our own talent lead by example and sell our expertise.
Fuel efficiency; Better public transport and choices with bike lanes,
Electricity; We can use wind, sun, and new electric power technologies better.
Carbon sink with forestry; We should protect and enhance our native flora and fauna and encourage the integration of green space in planning communities and infrastructure.
Low Carbon economy. NZ has the talent, the name and the potential to be a leading light in a low carbon economy. What it needs is the political will.

Summary

5. How should New Zealand take into account the future uncertainties of technologies and costs when setting its target?
With good planning.
With good research.
With collaboration.
With trust and commitment and a belief in New Zealand expertise

Other comments

6. Is there any further information you wish the Government to consider? Please explain.